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Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am requesting your comments on Rudolph Hess situation in Spandau prison. I have received the enclosed letter from a constituent and would appreciate some information that I can relay to him.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG
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Rep. Don Young
House of Representatives
1210 Longworth Bldg.
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Dear Congressman Young:

This will be a pot pouri type of a letter; you may want to read it with a pair of scissors to sort out the significant from the trivial.

1. Since we last corresponded, Amin has been dumped so we wont have any more of his pilots getting special training at Bell Helicopter company in Ft. Worth. I took the liberty of referring to your good work in a monthly letter I send to friends in Alaska and Minnesota. A xeroxed copy of page 1 & 2 is enclosed for your quick notice and discard. Ive circled paragraph 3 & 5. Purpose of letter is to compare contemporary events with Scripture that relates. Also to hilight issues for prayer.

2. I am quite against Mike Gravel as one of two senators that are supposed to be looking out for the best interests of Alaska. He undoubtedly believes he is being responsible to his constituency but I hear criticism of him mount... increasingly in view of 1980 elections. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the editor regarding and a new face seeking his chair. Everett Tyler, President of Alaska Loggers Association wrote a letter to him in behalf of the association, asking him to get with it and cooperate in behalf of common goals for Alaska. It was printed on the full back page of a recent issue of the Juneau paper. I'm sure you saw it. In my recent letter, now at the printers, I have listed my reasons why I am seeking to help unseat Gravel.

3. Back in February I learned of some seven members of two Soviet families who have been holed up in the U.S. embassy in Moscow for a year seeking to emigrate. The Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families have been persecuted for decades in Russia because of their evangelical faith, and for this reason have been trying to emigrate for 12 years. Their present asylum is the 6th time they have received help from U.S. officials in the embassy in Moscow. Efforts have been getting nowhere. Ex-ambassador Malcolm Toon received little or nothing to secure their emigration. When Sen. [illegible] visited Moscow January 4-11, he asked that they [illegible] might be given item to stress Soviet-American relations [illegible] Soviet Union for the Vashchenkos. He was kept [illegible] from any visitors [illegible] on his own, as a [illegible] command syndrome, carrying [illegible] prison camp [illegible]. [illegible] of the families [illegible] continually threatened and harassed.

I hope Tom Watson who replaces Toon will be a little more responsive to a situation like this. Is there any persuasion you might exert to expedite a release of this sort of prison existence within an embassy? In that present situation, they're damned if they stay and damned if they are sent back to their homes ...which is synonomous with certain prison sentences. Their embassy address:

USSR
117234 Moscow
Ulitsa Chaikovskogo 19-21
Embassy of the U.S.
Mr. Piotr Vashchenko
Mrs. Maria Chmykhalov
c/o Consular Section

My source for the above information is Mrs. John (Freda) Lindsay, president of Christ For the Nations Institute, a Christian training institute in Dallas which her husband founded. Phone number (214)376-1711. I don't think there would be any shortage of sponsors for them in this country if needed, and I would serve as one myself. There's a total Russian community right here in Alaska comprising just such people like these two families. I read about them in ALASKA magazine.

4. That leads me to the case of Rudolf Hess in Spandau prison. I was old enough, in 1941 to recall the news of his flight to England in a Messerschmidt, bailing out, getting corned by a farmer with pitchfork, and whose mission was to persuade the English to sign a peace treaty with Germany so that Hitler could attack Russia without threat to his western flank. Britain, France, and the U.S. would have released him long ago but under occupation terms, Russia also has to agree...which it wont do.

It has never seemed to me that Hess should have been numbered as a war criminal with that kind of a mission, considering what other Germans were on trial for at Nuremburg. Amnesty International is supposed to work in behalf of political prisoners around the world but for some under-the-table reason, the group seems to have no objection to Hess dying in jail. It galls me that we let Russia tie our hands as well as keep Hess locked up. Would a couple more calls to the right people - if there are any - be within your providence of interest in behalf of of a concerned constituent? Other than following what little I see in the press about this matter, my source of info on some of the above is SPOTLIGHT news magazine, May 28. The article was by Otho McDonald. The Spotlight address is 300 Independence Ave. Washington D.C., (202) 544-1794

My interest in Hess has nothing to do with the current promotion of civil rights. I simply think the 38 years he's been in prison is more than enough time to pay for his brief role in WWII. There's other reasons for the hush hush surrounding his case.

5. I just paid my first buck for a gallon of gas here in Juneau. That makes me a very strong proponent of the move to trade a bushel of grain for a barrel of oil with any nation that needs our grain and from which we buy oil. Does this proposal have any realism or is it just rhetoric?

6. I appreciate your work to get the Breaux-Dingell bill passed along with your effort to allow for oil survey in the Arctic National Wildlife Range. The April 26 issue of the Empire had an article on that. It seems like HR 39 just steamrolls its way through in spite of your rationale that it might pay us to look to see what's in the barn before we lock the door.

7. In light of that, plus Carter using the Antiquities Act to set aside monuments, I begin to believe that protecting our environment is partly a façade to cover deeper and more politically involved reasons for such decisions. It almost appears that high level decisions are being made to purposely keep the U.S. dependent on outside interests as well as other nation's resources. I just don't think Carter is that concerned over the historical or biological possibilities in such a large land mass which then precludes other kinds of development. With that kind of power handed to a President, the Act ought to be amended. From the study I'm beginning to do on the Constitution again, I don't find that the framers of that document intended for the president to have that much say.

8. In his book A Time For Truth, former Sec. of Treasury Bill Simon sets out a lot of things that I've come to see and believe. Here are a couple key statements that explains some of our current problems:

> "The Carter administration had the power to safeguard freedom, to allow profit incentives for further oil and natural gas exploration, and to make full use of current nuclear technology - all of which would guarantee constant economic growth and expanding employment. Instead, Carter proposed a strangling economic dictatorship. (p. 92)

And in his (Simon's) opinion, the four factors or government policies causing inflation and recession:

1. deficit spending
2. inflating money supply (Federal Reserve Bank)
3. regulatory policy
4. wage and price controls

And if you want one more hand that indicates favor of a balanced Federal budget (no more spending than money to spend), mine is raised.

Sincerely,

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